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SUBJECT: CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT

COPENHAGEN PLEASE PASS CODEL

1. SOVIETS GAVE US FOLLOWING AIRPORT SCENARIO:

14:10 - CODEL ARRIVES. MET AT PLANESIDE BY V.P. RUBEN, CHAIRMAN OF SUPREME SOVIET COUNCIL OF NATIONALITIES, SOVIET DEPUTIES G.A. ARBATOV AND G.A. ZHUKOV, AMBASSADOR STOESSEL AND EMBOFFS AND WIVES. CODEL AND GREETERS PROCEED TO VIP ROOM FOR VERY BRIEF CHAT AND THEN TO CARS FOR DRIVE TO HOTEL (ABOUT 30 MINUTES). ARBATOV WILL ACCOMPANY HUMPHREYS, AND ZHUKOV WILL ACCOMPANY SCOTTS IN FIRST TWO CHAIKAS. AMBASSADOR'S CAR WILL FOLLOW, THEN REST OF PARTY AND EMBASSY GREETERS. THOSE INVOLVED WITH PASSPORTS AND BAGGAGE WILL FOLLOW LATER.

APPX 15:15 - CODEL ARRIVES AT HOTEL. EMBOFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST. CODEL MEMBERS WILL GO TO ROOMS, AND THOSE WISHING TO HAVE DINNER AT TV TOWER, FOLLOWED BY CIRCUS, WILL DEPART HOTEL AT 16:30. SOME EMBOFFS WILL ACCOMPANY IF CODEL DESIRES.

2. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DECISION COULD BE MADE BEFORE ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW ON WHICH MEMBERS OF CODEL WISH TO HAVE DINNER AT TV TOWER AND ATTEND CIRCUS.

3. SOVIETS EMPHASIZED THAT DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL FOR WREATH-
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LAYING AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER SHOULD BE PROMPTLY AT 09:30,

JUNE 30. CODEL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING WILL TRAVEL IN CARS TO TOMB AND THEREAFTER TO KREMLIN FOR OPENING MEETING.

4. RE OFFICIAL MEETING, SOVIETS REQUESTED FOLLOWING PROCEDURE BE FOLLOWED: MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN CATHARINE'S CHAMBER ON SECOND FLOOR OF GRAND KREMLIN PALACE. U.S. SENATORS WILL SIT ON ONE SIDE OF TABLE FACING WINDOW. SOVIET DEPUTIES ON OTHER SIDE OF TABLE WITH BACKS TO WINDOW. ONLY AMBASSADOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD SIT AT TABLE WITH SENATORS AND SOVIET DEPUTIES. BECAUSE OF LIMITED SPACE, SOVIETS REQUESTED THAT REST OF DELEGATION ATTENDING MEETINGS BE LIMITED TO 10-12 PERSONS. THEY WILL SIT IN CHAIRS IN BACK OF SENATORS. THERE WILL BE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION. THOSE NOT PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS MAY SIT IN ADJOINING ROOM, IF THEY WISH.

5. SUGGEST CODEL DECIDE IN ADVANCE WHICH STAFF MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS. ALSO SUGGEST ONE PLACE BE ALLOCATED FOR EMBASSY NOTETAKER.
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